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Letter dated 19 March 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of resolution 1915 (2010), adopted unanimously by the Security Council at its 6286th meeting, held on 18 March 2010, which reads:

The Security Council,

Taking note of the letter to the President of the Council from the Secretary-General dated 15 March 2010 (S/2010/133), attaching the letter from the President of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia ("the International Tribunal") dated 1 March 2010,

Recalling its resolutions 827 (1993) of 25 May 1993, 1581 (2005) of 18 January 2005, 1597 (2005) of 20 April 2005, 1613 (2005) of 26 July 2005, 1629 (2005) of 30 September 2005, 1660 (2006) of 28 February 2006, 1668 (2006) of 10 April 2006, 1800 (2008) of 20 February 2008, 1837 (2008) of 29 September 2008, 1849 (2008) of 12 December 2008, 1877 (2009) of 7 July 2009, and 1900 (2009) of 16 December 2009,

Recalling that in resolution 1900 (2009) the Security Council decided that, notwithstanding the expiry of their terms of office on 31 December 2009, Judges Kimberley Prost (Canada) and Ole Bjorn Stole (Norway) complete the *Popović* case; and that the total number of ad litem judges serving at the International Tribunal may temporarily exceed the maximum of twelve provided for in article 12, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Tribunal, to a maximum of thirteen at any one time, returning to a maximum of twelve by 31 March 2010,

Taking note of the fact that due to unforeseen circumstances the delivery of the judgment in the *Popović* case is delayed and will not be rendered by the end of March 2010,

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Convinced of the advisability of allowing the total number of ad litem judges serving at the International Tribunal to temporarily exceed the maximum of twelve provided for in article 12, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Tribunal,

Urging the International Tribunal to take all possible measures to complete its work expeditiously,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* that the total number of ad litem judges serving at the International Tribunal may temporarily exceed the maximum of twelve provided for in article 12, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Tribunal, to a maximum of thirteen at any one time, returning to a maximum of twelve by 30 June 2010, or upon completion of the *Popović* case if sooner;

2. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

(*Signed*) Emmanuel **Issoze-Ngondet**
President of the Security Council